



Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks

Wildlife Bureau
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Helena MT 59620-0701
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Dear Interested Person:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) is requesting public input on 2010 - 2011 antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, elk, gray wolf, moose, mountain goat, mountain lion, and upland game bird seasons. As an expansion to the biennial season setting process, this scoping session is to solicit hunting season suggestions from the public prior to formal development and presentation of FWP biennial hunting season proposals to the FWP Commission in December 2009. FWP will consider any suggestion to see if it's something that can or should be carried forward in a formal proposal. Additionally, public comments will be forwarded to the FWP Commission. To enhance this opportunity, FWP open houses will be hosted at FWP Regional Offices in Kalispell, Missoula, Bozeman, Great Falls, Billings and Miles City. An open house in Glasgow will be held at the Valley County Courthouse. All seven regional open houses will be held Thursday, August 27 from 6 – 9 PM. Open houses will have no formal FWP presentation and are intended to make FWP staff available for one-on-one questions and discussions. The best way to submit any scoping comments is electronically via the process and link described below. Comment deadline is 5:00 PM Friday, September 4, 2009.

Tentative adoptions of 2010 - 2011 hunting seasons will be made at the December 2009 FWP Commission meeting with any Final adoptions taking place at the Commission's February 2010 meeting. This scoping session will be in addition to the January 2010 public comment period on Tentative adoptions.

For further clarification, you may call the Wildlife Division office at 406-444-2612. Comments can be sent to: FWP – Wildlife Bureau, Attn: Hunting Season Suggestions, POB 200701, Helena MT 59620-0701. To submit comments electronically, this letter with the imbedded link below can be found under "Season Setting Suggestions" on the home page at the fwp.mt.gov website and "Hunting Season-Setting Suggestions for 2010-2011 on the Hunting Home page.

Scoping Survey for 2010 and 2011 Hunting Seasons

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rd_2fQPm3aO1afZyk72uj_2f_2bQ_3d_3d

The deadline for public scoping comments to be received on 2010 and 2011 hunting seasons for antelope, bighorn sheep, black bear, deer, elk, gray wolf, moose, mountain goat, mountain lion and upland game bird is 5:00 PM Friday, September 4, 2009.

Statewide open houses also are set for August 27, 2009 from 6–9 PM at the following locations:

| City: | Location: | Address: |
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| Kalispell | FWP Region 1 Headquarters | 490 N.Meridian Road |
| Missoula | FWP Region 2 Headquarters | 3201 Spurgin Road |
| Bozeman | FWP Region 3 Headquarters | 1400 S. 19th Street |
| Great Falls | FWP Region 4 Headquarters | 4600 Giant Springs Road |
| Billings | FWP Region 5 Headquarters | 2300 Lake Elmo Drive |
| Glasgow | Valley County Courthouse | 501 Court Square |
| Miles City | FWP Region 7 Headquarters | Industrial Site West |